

Clean Set of Claims

A1 1. A cordless telephone, comprising:
a base unit;
a telephone line interface; and
a handset, the handset including
a keypad,
a key scan element adapted to scan the keypad for a
predetermined key sequence, and
a controller adapted to cause the initiation of an outgoing call
based on a determination of the predetermined key sequence.

A2 6. A handset for a cordless telephone, comprising:
a keypad,
a key scan element adapted to scan the keypad for a
predetermined key sequence, and
a controller adapted to cause the initiation of an outgoing call by
outputting a signal to a corresponding base unit with a telephone line interface
based on a determination of the predetermined key sequence.

A3 8. A handset as recited in claim 6, further comprising an RF
transceiver, wherein the signal is output to the base unit via the RF transceiver.

9. A handset as recited in claim 6, wherein the signal informs the
base unit that the predetermined key sequence has been detected.

10. A handset as recited in claim 6, wherein the signal comprises a
dialing sequence of a number to be dialed.

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12. A method of placing a telephone call from a cordless telephone handset with a telephone line interface that is in an on-hook condition, comprising the steps of:

sensing the activation of predetermined key sequence; and
initiating a telephone call based on the senses activation.

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